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1. (Amended) A method of manufacturing an article comprising the steps of:

juxtaposing a fabric layer having an outer fabric peripheral edge with a layer of thermoplastic material;

cutting the thermoplastic material so that at least a portion thereof overlies said fabric layer and such that its outer edge is spaced outwardly from the outer fabric peripheral edge so that at least a portion thereof extends out beyond the outer fabric peripheral edge so as to not overlie said fabric layer; and

simultaneously with cutting sealing said fabric layer to the portion of the layer of thermoplastic material which overlies said fabric layer to form a sealed periphery.

9. (Amended) A process of manufacturing an article of clothing comprising the steps of:

providing a die with at least one sealing area having at least one flat sealing ledge and at least one cutting edge which extends over the flat sealing ledge;

interposing a fabric layer with a thermoplastic layer such that a peripheral edge of the fabric layer extends within the thermoplastic layer;

forming an outer edge of the thermoplastic layer extending laterally outwardly from the peripheral edge of the fabric layer by applying the die to the thermoplastic layer to cut excess thereof with the one cutting edge;

B2 simultaneously with cutting sealing overlapped areas of the fabric and
thermoplastic layers to each other to form a trimmed article of clothing.

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